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Mathematics in a New Dimension

IUP Reality, Virtual and Otherwise



On the cover and in the pages of this issue, attention is paid to a computer concept called virtual reality modeling language. Even those unfamiliar with computers can imagine what this is like: construct a scene in several dimensions, and put yourself inside it. Writer Regan Houser gives examples of all kinds of applications. The key to this reality is mathematics. The key to other realities is more obscure: call it memory or subconscious or something else altogether.

On the last Sunday night of November, I was driving across Pratt Drive on Grant Street, on my way to pick up my daughter from her part-time job. Normally at 11 p.m. on a Sunday, the streets are all but empty. This night, though, the streets were crowded. Scores of students streamed down the drive from the direction of the Hadley Union Building. Weighted down with suitcases and bags, they struggled toward their residence halls. I realized the Thanksgiving break buses must have just pulled in from eastern Pennsylvania. And then, I realized something else: I'd seen the scene before.

But not in real life: in a book, one of the beautifully printed annuals that Indiana State Normal School issued in the early years of this century. With crisp, sometimes hand-colored photographs and handsome illustrations, the books served as catalogs, recruitment brochures, and yearbooks, all rolled into one. One photograph appeared repeatedly, probably because of its power. It showed scores of students streaming from a Pennsylvania Rail Road train, halted on the tracks that ran along what is now Pratt Drive. Weighted down with suitcases and bags, they struggled toward their rooms in John Sutton Hall.

Across time and space, the students came back to Indiana State Normal School and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The lesson to me is clear: the Indiana that exists in the minds of you who spent time here has currency and validity. The ties still bind, whether it was VRML that was taught in your day or evaluating logarithmic functions on a slide rule. You are still part of this place, as sure as the university is a part of you, even if you haven't set foot on campus in thirty years.

I hope you will come back to campus soon and you will continue to make IUP Magazine one of your links to the university. Your ideas and your contributions are as essential to the future of IUP as they were to its past.

In terms of the more recent past, *The President's Five-Year Report*, which details the years 1992-1997 at IUP, is available by calling, writing, or e-mailing Ruth Riesenman, executive assistant to the president, 223 Sutton Hall; (724) 357-2232; riesen@grove.iup.edu.

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Making Mathematics

By Regan Houser

Real, Virtually

Say "virtual reality" and it conjures up images of Max Headroom and futuristic headgear, big-budget films and highly sophisticated computing. In a lab on the second floor of Stright Hall, twenty-six students are learning for very practical, everyday purposes a computer language on the same type of machines that made the dinosaurs of Jurassic Park.

Using language that animates and models geometric shapes in three dimensions on computers, students learn about mathematics, teamwork, and multimedia development while producing projects of benefit to the university.

In a course offered by the Liberal Studies Program and taught by the Mathematics Department, students with any major can enroll in Building Three-Dimensional Models for the Web, a senior-level synthesis course that counts toward completion of Liberal Studies requirements. What mathematics professor Ed Donley likes about the class is that it brings students from many disciplines together to integrate components of their own majors into multidisciplinary projects. He likes that they will accomplish the projects by learning Virtual Reality Modeling Language, the standard language for animation and 3-D modeling of geometric shapes. VRML allows the students' 3-D projects to be seen on the World Wide Web by their peers, the entire university community, and, essentially, the entire world. Most of all, Donley hopes they will carry away the news that mathematics is important to their futures.

"I think it's important, because it gives them some experience in cutting-edge technology that they are likely to encounter in the future. Right now it's cutting edge, but a couple of years from now it will be routine, and they'll already be familiar with it. And, just doing these projects will force them to work in interdisciplinary groups with people who are very different from them and yet with people whose skills are all very important to the project," Donley said.

"In multimedia development, you have designers, programmers, producers, animators, and experts in the content that the project is about. It's useful for the students to get into these kinds of teams now. A lot of businesses are becoming more team oriented. Even if the students don't get into multimedia production, they are likely to be involved in team projects that cover several disciplines."

Donley and three colleagues (see sidebar), with the help of a grant from the National Science Foundation, equipped a classroom with Macintosh computers powerful enough for the students to create VRML documents. The grant also assisted with the cost of three Silicon Graphics workstations loaded with state-of-the-art 2-D, 3-D, and digital audio and video development and editing tools for the more advanced components of the class's assignments. Silicon Graphics, Inc., developed the language on which VRML is based, while SGI computers are used by the film industry for special effects and, according to Donley's course syllabus, by the scientific community for high-end scientific visualization.



Despite the fact that technology has changed the way students learn mathematics, Francisco Alarcon still uses the blackboard as a tool to instruct students in Virtual Reality Modeling Language.

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Learning the technical aspect of three-dimensional design is one thing, but one of Donley's underlying goals is to make math real for nonmajors.

"It will give them—especially the students who don't have much mathematics in their majors—some sense of relevance to mathematics, and I hope to improve their attitudes toward mathematics. I'm not trying to make them into mathematicians, but if while they're working they can see that it's useful and interesting and they can do some cool things with it, then their attitudes will change. They may pass that attitude on to their children," he said. "That's what the National Science Foundation liked about our proposal. We need a more technically literate society. There are many studies that have been done about the workforce needing to be more quantitatively literate."

To ensure well-rounded, multidisciplinary representation, Donley invited guest lecturers to address the importance of graphic design and team management in 3-D, while his lectures have included digital audio and video.

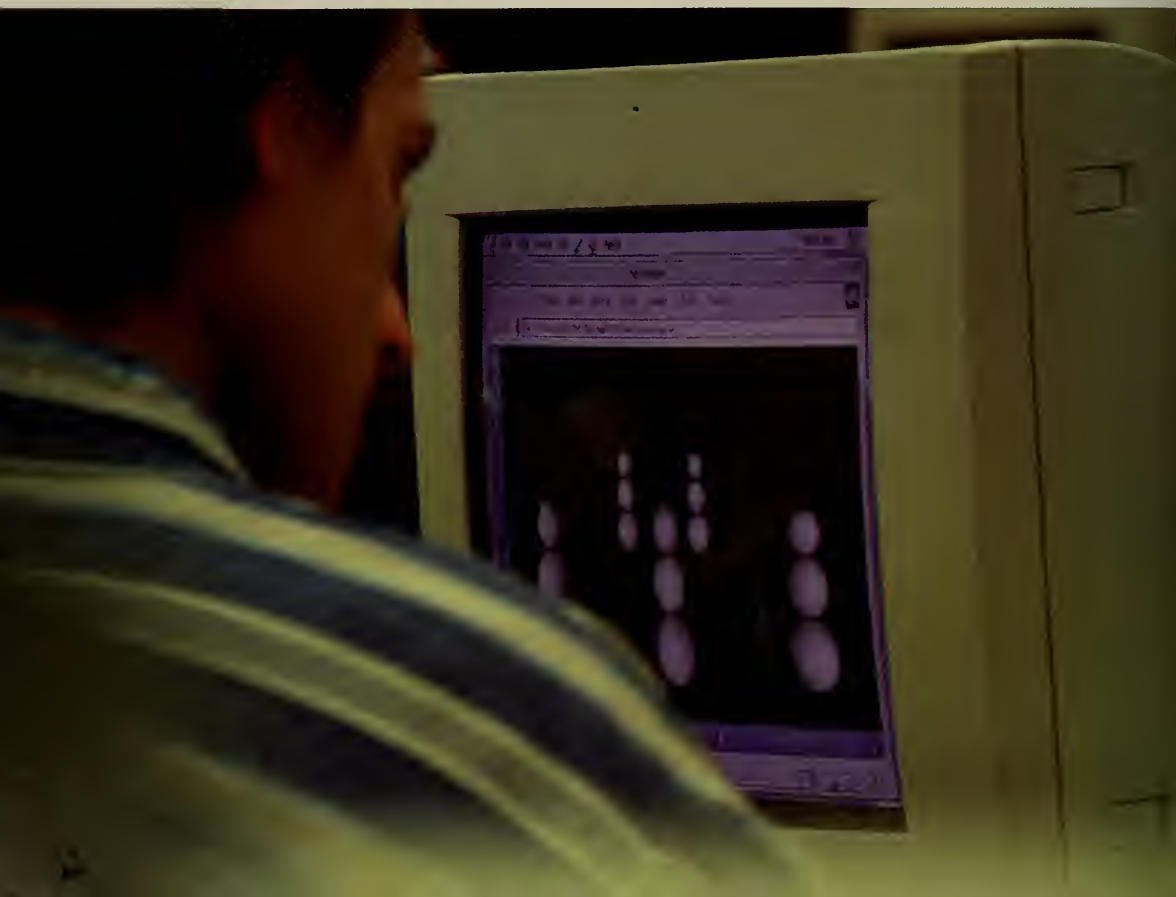
In addition to hearing lectures and completing assignments, the students also apply what they have learned to their majors. Donley canvassed the campus and community to find real projects for the students.

As suggested by Phil Zorich, Stapleton Library's director of Special Collections, one team of students is creating a coal town. The final product could eventually be linked to the website of the Allegheny Heritage Development Corporation (formerly known as America's Industrial Heritage Project), which works to preserve history and promote tourism. Special Collections houses a vast amount of archival material related to the mining industry and has acted as the archive for America's Industrial Heritage Project.

"Regularly, we receive inquiries from people who have a relative who worked in the mines. They are looking for information," Zorich said. "Coal mining has touched the lives of countless people who still live in

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In the early part of the class, students were asked to construct snowmen, which introduced the challenge of creating and stacking spheres. Chad Shaffer (pictured), a music major from Davidsville, Pa., eventually was assigned to create a coal town as part of his team project.



Funding for Real

Each year, IUP recognizes faculty members and auxiliary units who excel in receiving grant awards, the funding from which enhances IUP.

Ed Donley would not have been able to teach his synthesis course had it not been for a grant from the National Science Foundation. He and colleagues Francisco Alarcon, Dan Burkett '86, and Rick Adkins applied for the fifty thousand-plus grant because they recognized a need to introduce three-dimensional models in their classes. While Donley and Alarcon both are teaching the Liberal Studies synthesis class during alternating semesters, Burkett and Adkins teach Introduction to Linear Algebra, which requires the students to explore the relationships between matrices and linear transformations. Both classes require the use of Virtual Reality Modeling Language to create three-dimensional shapes on the World Wide Web. To provide students with workstations powerful enough to display three-dimensional graphics in real time, one of the math department facilities had to be completely re-equipped with more powerful computers. The grant supplemented the cost of the upgrades, making the classes a reality.

Grant activity like this is not new at IUP. Faculty members are awarded grants to purchase equipment to enhance classroom teaching and research and for covering the costs of research itself. During the last fiscal year alone, approximately \$6.9 million was brought into the university through grants and sponsored research programs. Each year, IUP recognizes faculty members and auxiliary units who excel in receiving grant awards, the funding from which enhances IUP.

Recognized were Robert Prezant of the Biology Department, who has received funding from various sources to support marine science research; John Johnson, an associate dean of the College of Education, who has facilitated several partnerships with educational entities; Eberly College of Business's Management Services Group, which through various programs provides service to the area business community; and the Pennsylvania OSHA Consultation Program, which, through the help of Safety Sciences faculty, has provided onsite workplace safety consultation to employers statewide.

All the grant awards are too numerous to mention, but the purpose of such external support is easy to describe.



Ed Donley, seated, with Dan Burkett '86 and Rick Adkins

Said Ginger Brown, associate dean for research in IUP's Graduate School, "Grants and contracts have a significant impact on the university's mission and benefit faculty, students, and the broad community in myriad ways. These funds provide monetary support to create innovative programs and to further research, applied research, and public service."

The Nature of Excellence

by President Lawrence K. Pettit

Henry Kissinger might not really have said this, but he was quoted once as having defined "excellence" as the accretion of hundreds of things done well. Within the university it is hundreds of people each doing hundreds of things well that translates into excellence. Much of what is done is quiet or routine and unheralded. People just work hard to do their best, and they have pride in their achievements whether it be an extraordinary display of flower beds to beautify our grounds, or the attraction of a one-million-dollar research grant to raise the university's profile among serious scholars.

In today's vernacular of reform (something that changes about every half decade) we speak of "continuous improvement" as the mechanism through which we persuade everyone to do his or her job just a little bit better each day. Vice President Pete Goldsmith heads up our continuous improvement effort at IUP. Our initial concern is in providing better and more courteous service to our various publics and clientele, especially our students. Our staff is reaching for excellence, and we are already there in many campus precincts.

Excellence is reflected also in a faculty steadily increasing its ability to attract external funding, volunteering time to assess and improve teaching skills, continuing to produce scholarly articles and books in spite of an unusually heavy teaching load, and making a concerted effort to hire as new colleagues only the most outstanding persons available. But it is reflected too in the outstanding work performed in countless support areas, computing for example, that enable all of us to do our jobs better.

A great source of comfort to me is the fact that at IUP we have achieved excellence in a team of vice presidents that would be the envy of any university. They and I are supported handsomely by my executive assistant, Dr. Ruth Riesenman, who also led the successful efforts to secure IUP chapters of Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board as an affirmation of our academic excellence, and who now is the force behind our move to establish an IUP chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. And, if you will allow me a personal observation, I think excellence is embodied in a first lady, Libby Pettit, who cheerfully and without either compensation or authority, assumes countless responsibilities for the smooth functioning of that

aspect of university relations that involves social life and the cultivation of important donors and other publics.

Alumni who read this magazine need to return to campus to understand how wonderful our students are and to see the many dimensions of excellence they represent. Certainly we are proud of our rising SAT scores, and we are elated by the successful launching of the Robert E. Cook Honors College. (Bob Cook, incidentally, as an alumnus and donor personifies excellence, and serves as a marvelous role model for the honors students with whom he interacts regularly.) But we are proud of our students for the excellence they bring to us in so many ways—their talents, their leadership qualities, and their excellence as compassionate human beings. Outstanding student performance in the fine arts and in athletics (both club and intercollegiate) bring honor to the university. A student government that is mature and reasonable, and that pursues issues of academic quality rather than issues of student entitlement, adds a tone of excellence to campus discussions. And the thousands of hours that IUP students volunteer in community service are testament to an excellence of character of which we can be both proud and thankful.

Our students, especially those who are generous in their service to others, have notable role models in the many IUP employees who similarly devote time to community service, and particularly in our Council of Trustees, which must be the finest collection of human beings I know when it comes to dedicated service and generosity of spirit.

Names such as Margaret Barnes, David Fredericks, Leland Hardy, William Hoffman, Gary Jefferson, Joseph Laposata, Robin Litton, Bruce Robbins, Paul Spears, Agnes Vaghi, Kathleen Kunder, Mark Holman, Tom Ingram, and Thomas Kerstetter represent excellence across a wide range of alumni achievements. And of course there are hundreds of others equally worthy of mention. In addition to Nobel laureates Oscar Arias and Paul Samuelson, IUP honorary doctorates have been awarded, since 1968, to such luminaries as James Schlesinger, Andre Previn, Malcolm Cowley, Sandra Day O'Connor, David McCullough, Paul A. Volcker, and the late James Stewart. There are others, of course, and all of them represent standards of excellence to which IUP aspires and which we honor.

Some may regard a focus on excellence as "elitist." I choose to think of it as a commitment to identify and develop the finest human talents in the service of mankind. As president, I am not too demanding. I simply insist as a bottom line that IUP be the best in our system at everything we do, and that we then select and support those areas where we will be better than Penn State and Pitt, which are our two major competitors for students. Excellence requires aspirations, and it depends on a culture of achievement rather than a culture of entitlement. I think that IUP is excellent. And we intend to stay excellent even in the face of growing challenges. With enthusiastic alumni support, there are few limits to what IUP can achieve.

(Editor's note: Copies of the President's Five-Year Report are available from the Office of the Assistant to the President, 223 Sutton Hall; (724) 357-2232; riesen@grove.iup.edu.)



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The Pettits in their Sutton Hall apartment.

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Western Pennsylvania and those who have left but retain some sort of emotional link to the region. This gives us a way to show what life was like in a coal town. Not just the stores, the recreation, the social life, but also the varied ethnic groups and customs involved. It provides the means to do it in an entertaining and educational way."

To Zorich, creating the coal town is just the first in a long list of projects he has dreamed up for future classes.

"A separate idea that is closely associated is to create a coal mine. Only a very small percentage of people have been inside a coal mine. This is one way of displaying what it's all about. Other related projects could cover the production and distribution of coal. The latter may involve some railroad history. Another project is the geology of coal, how it was created. Similar projects could be a display of how Buena Vista

Furnace operated, coke ovens, the Portage Railroad, or a steel mill. These are somewhat more focused, and we have the resources here to help students with each," he said.

For Robert Marx '69, M'73, the offer from the class to create a 3-D model presents a great way to save time and money. Accustomed to working with computer-aided design in his work, Marx said that he and his staff often do not have time to construct 3-D models. The director of IUP's Facilities Engineering and Construction Group, he has asked the students to create from architectural plans and construction documents a simulation of the house the university will build for the president.

Located on South Campus, on land purchased three years ago, the house should be completed within the next year. Construction was scheduled to begin in March.



Using one of the SGI workstations, Marcia McCarty, a junior from Indiana, views a 3-D model used by Alcoa.

With the help of a grant from the National Science Foundation, Donley and three colleagues equipped a classroom with Macintosh computers powerful enough for the students to create VRML documents.

"In the past, architects would build a 3-D model by hand. The cost of that is very high, and it doesn't even show the interior. This method will allow us to view the building inside and out," he said.

Marx said that as South Campus is developed, 3-D modeling might assist in future planning and adjustments.

"We can start with a building, then add more, or take away others to see what impact changes will make, which will help us to determine our alternatives. It's amazing, just amazing, where technology has taken us," Marx said. ☺

Additional Reading

The World Wide Web site for the class described in this article contains a wealth of information about Virtual Reality Modeling Language and links to many other informational sources. It may be accessed at <http://www.ma.iup.edu/courses/ls499/>.

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Sustaining, Tomorrow's Organists



Courtesy of William Witherup

William Witherup '66, M'69 was the organ scholarship program's first benefit recitalist in 1995.

The organist may be a vanishing breed, according to reports in music and church journals. Across the nation, finding qualified organists has become a crisis for churches and other institutions. In part because of low pay and limited full-time employment possibilities, young musicians are not pursuing careers in organ. The ranks of children studying piano — the traditional feeder system for organ — have also thinned.

According to Christine Clewell Santos '90, "preserving and striving to keep organ performance at an ever-present standard of excellence has value far beyond the art of organ playing itself. Music composed for the 'king of instruments' represents some of the most masterful music literature of all time. Indisputably, the sacred music of the church can only be heard at its best through the organ, where power, majesty, suffering, and tranquility are effectively communicated in a manner unlike any other medium."

Colleges and conservatories across the country have seen a steady decline in the number of organ majors over the past twenty years, and IUP is no exception. Scholarships are essential for attracting qualified players to this field. IUP's organ scholarship, first awarded in 1995, marks the first time in the university's history that funds have been designated specifically for an undergraduate keyboard student.

To raise funds for the scholarship, a committee has sponsored a series of alumni recitals, workshops, and dinners. Again this year, the spring recital is being combined with a dinner. Last year's dinner was catered by alumnus Michael Diethorn '96. The menu, in keeping with the evening's British theme, included a choice of Roast Beef with Popovers or Trout Baked Irish Style and dessert selections that ranged from Lemon Cheese Tart to Strawberries and Cream to Brandy Snaps.

William Witherup, Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, presented the first benefit recital in 1995. Witherup received a bachelor's degree from IUP in 1966 and a master's degree three years later. He has been organist and choirmaster of Meadville's Christ Church, Episcopal, since 1970.

In 1996, two alumnae, Mary Mateer Farrer M'92 and Clewell-Santos, were the featured performers. Farrer is organist and music director at Trinity Lutheran Church, Somerset, Pa., while Clewell-Santos is organist and choirmaster at the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Wyomissing, Pa. (Ironically, both women are married to ordained ministers, one Presbyterian and the other Baptist.) In 1996, Clewell-Santos completed work



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on a doctorate in sacred music and organ at the University of Michigan.

Farter said she is grateful for the "wonderful opportunity" her own study at IUP provided. "I'd been out of college for almost twenty years when I started working on my master's degree," she said. "Dr. Carol Teti and the other faculty members were encouraging, and the experience and support I got from Calvary Presbyterian Church in Indiana have proven invaluable."

Clewell-Santos said she is "forever indebted and most grateful to my wonderful teachers in the Music Department of IUP. Especially, I greatly esteem one of the most gifted organists, my mentor and beloved organ teacher, Carol Teti."

Baritone soloist Curt Scheib '77, M'78, organist and pianist Edgar Highberger '65, M'68 and reader Joanne Highbarger presented a program of songs and readings called "A Bit of Britain" in 1997.

Diethorn, assistant manager of Chestnut Ridge Inn on the Green Resort in Blairsville, became involved with the organ scholarship program and the benefit committee

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because, he said, "It was an opportunity to work with a fantastic group of people. They have a common goal and are overflowing with enthusiasm. I applaud their hard work, their excitement, and the invaluable opportunities they provide for so many individuals."

Members of the committee that plans the benefits are Phyllis Eckelman, Olive Fornear '33, Barbara Mack M'70, Mary Moore '91, Ruth Newhill, Nancy Newkerk, Carol Teti, Royce Walters, and June Weber.

According to Walters, "The Organ Scholarship Committee owes much to the contributions of our alumni, all of whom performed free of charge. Mike Diethorn rescued the 1997 dinner when the Blue Room, and in fact all the campus, was closed down for servicing of the electrical system. He catered a superb meal at cost. These contributions have enabled us to increase significantly the funds raised and thus the scholarship support which we can give.

"We also need to thank Mary Lee Harris '75 and Forrest Harris of Sanso's Italian Deli, Homer City, for their wonderful catering support."

This year's alumni recital and dinner are scheduled for May 3 in Sutton Hall's Blue Room. Wine will be served at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:30 and a performance by Vincent Ryan '94, M'95. Theme of the evening is "Echoes of Vienna." More information is available from the Music Department, from any of the Benefit Committee members, or from Shari Trinkley, director of Major and Planned Giving, at (724) 357-3184. 🐾

Curt Scheib, left, and Edgar Highberger at the organ in Indiana's Zion Lutheran Church, site of the benefit recital they presented in May, 1997.

Lifestyles

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Ring that Bell

"Now that I have these computers, tell me what to do with them!" reads the first statement of the proposal that will bring a half-million dollars to several State System of Higher Education universities.

The grant, courtesy of Bell Atlantic, will help to establish three ADEPTT campus centers where college faculty and primary and secondary school teachers will learn how best to use technology in the classroom. The main center will be established at IUP, while extension sites will be located at Clarion and Edinboro universities. Slippery Rock University also will participate in the project through a virtual network to help test how well the training can be used at other campuses of the State System.

The centers will help to train the state's teachers to use the resources provided to them by programs such as Link-to-Learn, a state initiative that supplied equipment, training, and a network to Pennsylvania school districts. As a supplement, Microsoft Corporation has pledged nearly \$100,000 worth of software to the ADEPTT Program.

"The really important thing about this project is that it focuses on how to improve learning through technology," said IUP President Lawrence K. Pettit in describing the creation of ADEPTT, which stands for Advancing the Development of Educators in Pennsylvania through Technology Training. "In other words, technology is a means for a greater end, rather than an end itself. This is a departure from how much of society is approaching technology development."



Eggcellent demonstration: Louis Bosco '89 came to campus last semester at the invitation of the Art History Club and the University Museum to demonstrate egg tempera painting, the medium and process of medieval and Renaissance masters. A graduate assistant at George Washington University, Bosco, seated, is flanked by Lance Toth of Johnstown, Michele Gilchrist of Camp Hill, Molly Dethamplé of Leechburg, Jaine Fieser of Johnstown, Heather Bond of Pittsburgh, Helen and Zack Robinson of Johnstown, and Noel Slowikowski of Factoryville.

LESSONS OF A LIFETIME

Susan Ekas Finley was born in 1910 in one of the small towns surrounding Pittsburgh. She enjoyed a good life as the only child of loving parents. A good student, Susan continued her education after high school at Indiana State Teachers College and graduated in 1932 with a degree in home economics education. After graduation, Susan married George Finley and became an attentive and dedicated wife. While she never taught in a classroom, Susan was very proud of her education and used the skills she learned in her classes to make a comfortable and loving home for herself and her husband. Susan passed away in October, 1997.

Madeline Ackerman was born in 1918 in Lilly, a small rural community in Western Pennsylvania. She graduated from Lilly High School as class valedictorian, an accomplishment of which she was very proud. Because of unfortunate circumstances, she was unable to further her formal education. During her lifetime, she was a loving wife, devoted mother, accomplished businesswoman, and dedicated volunteer for her church and for other worthy organizations. Madeline passed away in June, 1996.

The lives of these two women are very different, yet both shared a deep respect for education. It is fitting that both women are honored with named scholarships at IUP to serve as living legacies of their lives.

Daniel Ackerman and Robert Ackerman, husband and son, respectively, established the **Madeline T. Ackerman Memorial Valedictorian Scholarship** to provide scholarship support to students enrolling in the Robert E. Cook Honors College at IUP.

Susan Finley provided for the university in her estate plans with a bequest to support the Department of Family and Consumer Services (formerly the Department of Home Economics). A portion of her bequest will be used to establish the **Susan E. Finley Memorial Scholarship**.

Others have chosen to build monuments at IUP—not from marble or stone but through gifts that provide an investment in the futures of our students.

Marion McCall Welsch, an alumna of the Class of 1923,

remembered the university in her last will and testament with a bequest of \$25,000 to establish a scholarship for students in the College of Education.

The late Marjorie Reiber provided a bequest of \$50,000 to IUP to establish the **Daniel Reiber Memorial Scholarship for Physics** in memory of her husband, a long-time faculty member at IUP who retired in the 1970s.

The family of the late Orval Kipp M'92, professor emeritus in the Department of Art, has established the **Orval Kipp Endowed Scholarship for Art**. Primary donors to the scholarship were his children, Katherine Kipp McKelvey '81 and her husband, Donald (both of whom have been professors at IUP), John Kipp and his wife, Dorothy Kipp '68, M'71, and Naomi Kipp '60.

—Shari Trinkley

Web Watch

According to national statistics, approximately 20 percent of new mothers in North America experience depression after childbirth. In response to this statistic, anthropology professor Laurence Kruckman and students Charles McNulty of Pittsburgh and Kristen Hughes of Indiana developed the website as a tool for new parents and to encourage research on the subject.

A cooperative project with Postpartum Support International, the site contains thousands of references to research from more than seventy cultures and countries. The site may be accessed at <http://www.iup.edu/an/postpartum/>.

THE COMPANY WE KEEP

Carl Bernstein, lead journalist who broke the Watergate scandal and coauthor with Bob Woodward of *All the President's Men*, and **F. W. de Klerk**, former president of South Africa and 1993 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, lectured on campus as part of the Ideas and Issues series.

Candace Gingrich '89, author of *The Accidental Activist: A Personal and Political Memoir*, came to campus in March, courtesy of several campus groups.

Lajoyce Brookshire, author of the novel *Soul Food*, lectured on campus along with many other speakers as part of the Annual Conference Celebrating African American Heritage and Culture.

As part of the Artist Series, *West Side Story* and *Porgy and Bess* were performed in Fisher Auditorium, while the Lively Arts program brought to campus the **Billy Taylor Trio**, **Richard Glazier**, "A Gershwin Gala," and the **River City Brass Band**.

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of short features about extracurricular opportunities for student learning.)

Students gather in the lounge area of one of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's residence halls to watch a play that will open some eyes and bring tears to others.

Like those in the audience, the actors are IUP students, members of a student-formed theater group called FLUSH, Friends Living Under Serious Hardships. The characters that they present in their plays are likeable, believable fictional students who struggle with issues like date rape, alcoholism, drug use, physically abusive relationships, homosexuality, stealing, academic pressure, and even HIV-positive status.

Though they tackle weighty issues, cast members bring a positive, hopeful energy to their shows with an improvisational style, some humor, and fresh choices in music.

It's a style that earned the group national recognition this year when the National Association of College and University Residence Halls named FLUSH one of two finalists for program of the year.

George Kinzel, the group's creator, director, and one of its actors, is working toward a master's degree in IUP's Student Affairs in Higher Education program. The twenty-four-year-old graduate student is also the residence director of Gordon Hall.

"It's a passion of mine, being in residence life," said Kinzel. "Working with students, every day there are new issues, new challenges."

He brings these issues and challenges into his FLUSH performances, which are each followed by a chance for the audience to interact with the characters. New episodes are created regularly, winning the group a following of students who watch their favorite characters struggle to solve problems from earlier episodes or tackle new hardships.

Beyond the Books

By Marilyn Kukula

An information table is set up at each performance with hotline phone numbers and brochures from local crisis-intervention agencies. At the table, donations are collected for Birch Camp, which provides services for families and friends of those living with the HIV virus.

Kinzel first participated in improvisational theater as a freshman member of the Lifeline

interests were focused on interpersonal interaction and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in human resource management with a minor in theater from SUNY Binghamton.

From there, he worked as a residence hall director at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst for a year before coming to IUP in the summer of 1996. "I was looking for a strong



Friends Living Under Serious Hardships, left to right: Jason Blair, the group's secretary and a senior from Newport; Melissa Cruz, a senior and the group vice-president, from Grantville; George Kinzel; Laura Werner, a senior who is the group's president, from Wyomissing; and Justin Foley, a senior and treasurer of FLUSH, from Indiana.

Players at the State University of New York at Binghamton. The following year, when the president and leaders of the group graduated, the troupe dissolved.

As a sophomore, Kinzel created a new improvisational group called the High Hopes Theater Troupe, which continues to be active at Binghamton with a cast that includes Kinzel's sister.

Kinzel, who had held a few leading roles in high school plays, was the valedictorian at his high school, Valley Stream South High School on Long Island, New York, and had been advised to study accounting in college.

Though he started college as an accounting major, Kinzel quickly realized his talents and

student affairs master's program," he said. "At IUP, they really focus on getting us out in the field the second year." Kinzel has done two internships as part of his second-year studies. Last summer, he was chairman of the resident-assistant training committee and introduced a program in which hall counselors spend one day of their training in community service activities at sites such as Indiana Hospital and the Self-Help Alliance. Kinzel is currently an intern in the Health Education Office, where he is developing a men-against-rape project and helping with a summit on alcohol use.



*(left) **Parking panorama:** A view from Spruells Hall of the future site of the university's parking garage. Cogswell is at right, and Wyoming Hall is in the background.*

*(below left) **Down and up:** The campus's new parking garage will rise next to Oakland Avenue, behind Cogswell Hall. The houses to the left are being demolished for the project. (They originally had Eleventh Street addresses but were moved back when Cogswell was built.)*



John R. H. H. H.

*(above) **View of the future:** On a wooded hillside south of the current campus, the president's residence will rise. In winter, trees were cleared for a driveway. This view is toward the north, away from where the front of the house will be. The property for the residence is adjacent to, but not directly accessible from, White Township's Timbersprings development. IUP Magazine will provide updates for readers as construction proceeds.*



*(below) **Quick and dirty:** Uhler Hall was gutted during the winter, and an addition is under construction in the front. Uhler was once part of a public grade school called, in the nineteenth century, West Indiana School and later Thaddeus Stevens.*



*(above) **Hole in the wall:** Debris left Uhler Hall through a hole in the front of the building. Then, workers dug a foundation for the addition. As part of the campus's Long-Range Plan, the Psychology Experiment will be housed in Uhler.*



Letters

Starhawk, ecofeminist and author of *The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion of the Great Goddess*, spoke on campus at the invitation of the Women's Studies program and through the sponsorship of several campus groups.

High School Students Sample College Life

For the fourth year, IUP is planning a Summer Honors Program for high school students. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the program will comprise a community of scholars who will explore academics and collegiate living at IUP.

Workshops are planned in two one-week sessions (July 19-25 and July 26-August 1). Students may participate in one or both weeks (with the exception of Spanish, which is a two-week course) at a cost of \$199 per week (the same as in preceding years).

In addition to spending their days in class with IUP professors,

participants will enjoy a range of interactive evening activities as well. They will take advantage of many of the university's facilities, experiencing collegiate life firsthand. Specially selected IUP Honors College students will serve as peer mentors/counselors in the residence hall. Participants will not be permitted to leave the IUP campus except to engage in program activities.

Courses offered will include Journalism, Chemistry, English Myth, Spanish, Philosophy, Nursing, and History. Special performances and workshops are planned in association with the university's Keystone Repertory Theater Company. Three meals a day will be served, Monday through Friday. On Sunday, the day of arrival, students will eat dinner together, and there will be a brunch on Saturday, the last day of each session.

Information about the Summer Honors Program may be obtained from Rick Kutz, G-12 Whitmyre Hall, IUP, Indiana, PA 15705 or by calling (800) 487-9122.

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'73 and counting: Friends from the Class of 1973 met in Pittsburgh last summer for a reunion. In the front row are Natalie Long Debich, Marnie Wilson Isabella, and Patty Brennan Wilson. Carolyn Kaczmarek Gilmore is in the middle, and in the back are Diane Lober Mogel, Sue Luty, and Sharon Slobozien.

On behalf of the entire Anthropology Department, we want to thank you for your article about our program. We are very pleased to be noted for our success and hard work, but we must also acknowledge that we would not be in such a fortunate position were it not for the support of many others on campus. At a time of increasingly shrinking budgets, the IUP administration, notably President Pettit, Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Staszkiwicz, and our college dean, Brenda Carter, have all contributed to fostering the growth of our program.

As the article noted, Archaeological Services has been integral to our success and has provided the perfect opportunity to wed the educational mission with public service. Without the support of Dr. David Lynch, Dr. Ginger Brown, Ms. Evelyn Landon, and the rest of the staff of the Institute for Research and Community Service, the potential of AS would never have been realized.

To all of these individuals and units on campus, we owe a debt of gratitude. Our success is an example of what can be accomplished with hard work and collective vision, both within a department and between divisions in the university.

*Miriam Chaiken
Chairperson and Professor
IUP Department of
Anthropology*

I was saddened to read of William Hassler's death in the Winter issue of *IUP Magazine*. Doubtless, Karen Gresh's story could be repeated many-fold: like Gresh, I recall his

humane treatment of a senior whose life was in chaos; by treating me as an individual with a particular, solvable problem, he helped me move on with my life.

Thirty years later, as administrator of college writing programs [at Indiana University Southeast], I have tried always to make decisions about individual students that are as holistic as possible, decisions that help individual students meet goals rather than satisfy bureaucratic structures. In part, this is a lesson I learned from William Hassler. He must have been a wonderful president.

*Bill Sweigert '67
(M.A. '78, San Francisco State University; Ph.D. '88, Stanford University)
New Albany, Ind.*

Upon reading the article about Dr. Steve Hovan in the Fall, 1997, issue of *IUP Magazine*, I contacted his office, and he agreed to come and talk to our sixth grade classes at Central Cambria Middle School in Ebensburg, Pa.

Along with a slide presentation of his work and adventures at sea, Dr. Hovan answered questions asked by the teachers and students.

Your magazine has opened up a new avenue of resources of which I was not aware and has helped me to develop a continuing partnership with IUP and its programs.

*Toni Homady Clarke '74,
M'81
Mineral Point, Pa.*

The Cooperative Bachelor

In a new agreement with IUP, students enrolled at the Community College of Allegheny County can earn their Bachelor of Science degrees in management.

After being accepted into the program and completing specific courses at CCAC, students may now enroll in classes offered at CCAC's Boyce Campus in Monroeville and taught by members of the IUP faculty.

IUP and CCAC have had a collaborative agreement that leads to a Bachelor of Science in Education.

"As a member of the Pittsburgh community, IUP feels an obligation to provide quality higher educational programs that meet the needs of the community and promote the common good," said IUP president Lawrence K. Pettit. "Our goal is to enhance the opportunities of urban and suburban constituencies."

BOOKENDS

The *Girl Who Swam With the Fish*, an Athabascan Indian legend as retold by **Michelle Renner**, was included in a guide for teachers, librarians, and parents called *Let's Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14*. *The Girl Who Swam With the Fish* was published by Alaska Northwest Books.

Renner, who is a member of the Class of 1977, lives in Eagle River, Alaska, with her husband, Steven Kruse, and two sons.

The Price of Patriotism: Indiana County and the Civil War by **Wayne Smith**, a member of the History Department faculty, was published by Burd Street Press.

Not just an account of the regiments from Indiana County that served in the war, the book also provides detail on how the war affected the county socially and economically.

The book is available through the Indiana County Historical and Genealogical Society, which will benefit from its sales.

Other Publications

Simple Machines, Kid Chemistry, and Crawling Creatures by **Judith Hechtman** and **Sandra Ford Grove**, faculty members in the Department of Professional Studies in Education, were published by Creative Teaching Press.

The Arts in Children's Lives: Aesthetic Experiences in Early Childhood by **Mary Renck Jalongo** and **Laurie Nicholson Stamp D'94**, faculty members of the Department of Professional Studies in Education, was published by Allyn and Bacon. In addition, the second edition of Jalongo's book, *Creative Expression and Play in Early Childhood*, was released by Prentice Hall.

What's New With Mr. Pizooti? by **Barbara Kupetz**, a faculty member in the Department of Professional Studies in Education, was published by Perfection Learning.

Health, Safety, and Environmental Data Analysis by **Anthony Joseph**, Safety Sciences faculty member, was released by Lewis Publishers.

Career Guide to Safety Sciences by **Robert McClay**, Safety Sciences faculty member, was published by the ASSE Foundation and BCSP.

The second edition of *Ordinary Families, Special Children: A Systems Approach to Childhood Disability*, was released by Guilford. Its author is **Rosalyn Benjamin Darling**, a member of the Sociology faculty.

Turnstile Justice: Issues in American Corrections by **Rosemary Gido**, a member of the Criminology faculty, was released by Prentice-Hall.



Assessing Woman Battering in Mental Health Services by **Edward Gondolf**, a member of the Sociology faculty, was released by Sage Publications.

John Updike: In His Words, a video documentary by **Ronald Shafer '68, M'70**, a member of the English faculty, was released by Films for the Humanities.

The Trial of Democracy: Black Suffrage and Northern Republics, 1860 to 1910 by **Xi Wang**, a member of the History faculty, was published by the University of Georgia Press.

Simulation Techniques: Models of Communication Signals and Processes and Simulation Techniques: The STAEDT Program by **John Baker**, a member of the Mathematics faculty, were published by John Wiley and Sons.

Case Conceptualization and Treatment Planning: Exercises in Integrating Theory in Clinical Practice by **Pearl Berman**, a member of the Psychology faculty, was released by Sage Publications.

Steel Ashes by **Karen Rose Cercone**, a Geoscience faculty member, was released by Berkley Publishing Group.

A Message from the Alumni Association

The IUP Alumni Association wishes to thank all alumni who responded to the survey for the production of the 1998 *IUP Alumni Directory*. Your new directory is filled with updated information from your friends and former classmates.

Plus, you can read about some of the latest advances at your alma mater. If you did not purchase a directory, it's not too late to subscribe to the on-line edition of the 1998 *IUP Alumni Directory*. For more information, please visit the IUP Alumni Association web site at www.iup.edu/alumni/ and access the alumni directory icon within the On-Line Community section.

—Mary Jo Lyttle

Class Notes

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10s

William Coleman, son of **Helen George Coleman '19**, writes that his mother lived in her own home until just last year, when she moved to Country Meadows, a personal care home in Bethlehem, Pa. Helen spoke at her class's commencement ceremony and taught school in Kittanning prior to her marriage to Buff Coleman (now deceased) in 1924.

30s

Following the death this year of **Mildred Erdelyan Mitchell '32**, her daughter, Susan, provided a little background about Mildred's life. Apparently, as a victim of polio, she may have been the first disabled student at Indiana. She retired from teaching after forty years in the Ambridge (Pa.) School District, and, her daughter says, would have been proud to know that many of her former students attended her funeral and told of the difference she had made in their lives.

50s

Having presided as minister of music at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg for the last forty-three years, **Donald Clapper '50** has retired. The director of myriad church and other choirs, he served for a time as conductor of the Harrisburg Choral Society. An honorary member of Phi Mu Alpha (Sinfonia) National Music Fraternity, he was twice nominated for the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, Humanities, and Sciences. He received both an award for Outstanding Contribution

to the Arts in Central Pennsylvania and the Alumni Merit Award Citation from Westminster Choir College, where he earned his master's degree in organ.

Confusing information received for the Fall issue of *IUP Magazine* resulted in a report of the death of **John Taddie '51**. Actually, it was John's wife, **Arlene Warfel Taddie**, who died last June. We apologize for the incorrect report. John lives in Quarryville, Pa.

A scholarship fund in memory of **Keith Bloom '57, M'62** has been established by a group of Marion Center Area High School alumni for music students in that school district. Keith, who died of cancer last September, had taught and served as band director of the school for many years.

Having retired from the faculty and administration of Bowling Green State University, **Don Ehrlichman '59**, who had worked in the North Allegheny School District and at Slippery Rock University, is now associated full-time at his Main Street Studio in Pemberton, Ohio, along with his wife, Sharon.

Having retired from the Army Reserves as a major general, **Leonard Hoch '59** turned his command over to **Rodney Ruddock '65, M'76**, who was promoted to the rank of major general and named commander of the Ninety-ninth Regional Support Command. Ruddock is now responsible for more than 26,000 soldiers in five states. He also recently became principal of Indiana (Pa.) Area Senior High School.

60s

In February, **James Stangarone '61** retired from the San Diego City Schools and moved to Buena Vista, Baja Sur, Mexico.

Retired as supervisor of school services for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, **Cynthia Sotirake Burns '62** of Newport News, Va., continues to work as a consultant while writing a book.

Having taught for most of his career in the Latrobe Area School District, **Samuel Lawson '63, M'69** has joined the faculty of Saint Vincent College and serves as assistant professor of education.

Martinsburg, W.Va., residents **Edward Eckberg '65, Sandra Altman Eckberg '65**, and their son, Marc, toured Europe with the Gary Marvel Jazz Orchestra, performing in Vienna for U.S. Ambassador Swane Hunt's Fourth of July party and in other cities and towns of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

The fine, performing, and practical arts department chairperson at West Springfield (Va.) High School, **Merceda Biorri Safran '65** has been recognized as an outstanding educator both by the Governor's School for the Arts at the University of Richmond and the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Freedom (Pa.) Area High School teacher **Samuel Mitrovich '66, M'76** received a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Appointed to serve on the Guilford County School System Redistricting Committee, **Katharine Liguori Wickline '67** will participate in discussions over a two-year period that will ultimately reassign the district's 60,000 students in

Greensboro, High Point, and Guilford County, N.C.

Promoted to technical services director for Hobart Corporation, **Bob Strouse '69**, a colonel in the Army Reserves, also was selected as deputy chief of staff for information management for a medical command in Atlanta. He lives in Troy, Ohio, with his wife, Sue, and children, Gabrielle and Chris.

70s

Patricia Roland Rogers '70 has been named human resources director of Tel-Link in Atlanta and has earned her postgraduate paralegal certificate in litigation at the National Center for Paralegal Training.

Formerly vice president for administration and finance at Shippensburg University, **Greig Mitchell '71** has been named vice chancellor for finance of the State System of Higher Education. He and his wife, **Linda Zabrowski Mitchell '70**, live in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Married last fall, **Connie Sablowski Farmer '72** and her husband, Gary, live in Easton, Pa. Connie is a speech therapist with the early intervention program of a local intermediate unit.



Kappa Delta celebration: IUP alumnae who attended the hundredth birthday celebration of their sorority, Kappa Delta, in Norfolk, Va., were Linda Houser Carpen '72, Maureen McCabe '86, Ann Hutchison Miller '76, and Mary Linda Hardican Byers '87.

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Elizabethtown College's preparatory division director of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, **Debra Ronning '72, M'75** has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association.

CEO of ARC-Allegheny, **Marsha Bunga Blanco '73** has been elected president of the National Conference of Executives of the ARC of the United States. She lives in Pittsburgh.

Margaret Brown Kay '73, D'96 of Lititz, Pa., was awarded diplomate status in educational and school psychology by the American Board of Psychological Specialties.

After teaching for twenty-three years, **Constance Kahler Youngblood '73** of Meadville, Pa., has been named principal of Cambridge Springs and Cussewage elementary schools in the Penncrest School District. She received a 1997 education award in the YMCA's Tribute to Women.

Promoted to manager of international sales for CONSOL, Inc., **William Boyle '74 M'90** will relocate to Pittsburgh from Wheaton, Ill.

Department of Defense employee **Ed Kunkle '74** has taken a new two-year assignment, and he and his family have moved to Israel.

Kutztown University faculty member **Elaine Reed Walls '74** earned her doctoral degree at Temple University this winter.

Principal of Monmouth Academy in Monmouth, Maine, **Roy Crawford '75** received a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Noted for her theater costuming program at Rockville High School, **Sara Jane Hughes Hauze '75** has been named Connecticut Family and Consumer Services Teacher of the Year.

Donald Baronitis '76 has been named senior vice president and information systems audit director for Bank United in Houston.

Promoted to account manager for National Starch and Chemical's adhesives division, **Dave Hamernick '76** sells the company's products in Central Pennsylvania. Recently, he won the title of "Mr. Treadmill" in a Harrisburg gym contest.

Mary Lou Adonizio '79, M'83 has been named director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Ty Lewis '79, president of A.B.C. Productions in Clearwater, Fla., wrote and produced an audiocassette that provides tips for cell phone users who drive and talk at the same time.

Robert Smith '79, M'82 has been named associate dean of students at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Marijo Pesavento Vaughn '79 and her husband, Ben, adopted their two-year-old son, Justin Richard, in Latvia last summer.

80s

Ann Marie Uhl Robinson '80 lives in Newark, Ohio, with her husband, Del, and son, Adam Porsch.

Cross Country Printing in Greenville, N.C., owned by **Louis DeBridge '81** and **Jane Blanchard DiBridge '82**, responding to a challenge a local girls' cross country team made to a TV sports anchor to run against its members, donated a hundred dollars for every mile the anchor completed. The DiBridges' grand total came to \$310.

Conservation ornithologist **Chris Eberly '81** has moved to northern Virginia, where he works as the Department of Defense program manager for Partners in Flight and is responsible for migratory bird conservation plans and activities on 25 million acres of Department of Defense property. He can be reached at ceberly@abcbirds.org.

Promoted to manager of safety, health, and environmental concerns for Mead Containerboard, **Jim ("Merc") Mercurio '81** has been appointed an OSHA VPP special government employee.

John Porter '81 has joined the Pittsburgh law firm of Titus and McConomy.

In a new job, **Mary Ann Downing-Tondi '82** is an account manager with The TPA, Inc., in Shrewsbury, N.J.

Assistant controller of the Delta Whistler Resort in Whistler, British Columbia, **Suzanne Hetzler Kenney '82** volunteers for the Blackcomb Ski Patrol and teaches first aid in her free time. She may be reached at zuchinni@msn.com.

A critical care nurse at Scripps/Mercy Health Center, **Jackie Fromelius Taj '82** lives in San Diego with her husband, Saeed, and three sons.

Sally Mack '82 and her husband, Chris Sobolewski, live in Collegeville, Pa., with their year-and-a-half-old daughter, Amelia Lee, whom they adopted in China.

Mary Ellen Crum Rhoads '82, her husband, Mark, and their three children have relocated to Pittsburgh. Mary Ellen is a nurse practitioner at Allegheny General Hospital.

Lori Sistek Van Stein '82 of Ligonier, Pa., completed her teaching certification in elementary education at Saint Vincent College.

Controller of Rush Prudential Health Plans, **Mike Joyce '83** lives in Tinley Park, Ill., with his wife, Mary, and children, John and Mary Elizabeth.

In a promotion, **Douglas Frank '84** of Mentor, Ohio, was named assistant manager of branch operations for Great Lakes Power Products.

On their seventh wedding anniversary, Jeanne and **Kevin Kenney '84, M'87** of Columbus, Ohio, renewed their wedding vows.

Family physician **William Prenatt '84** of Sandy Lake, Pa., serves as chief of staff at United Community Hospital.

Margie McCoy Rossander '84 lives in Westlake, Ohio, with her husband, Michael. She is employed as an emergency room and trauma center nurse at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland.

A teacher in the Indiana Area School District, **Scott Salsar '84** received his master's degree in music education from Penn State.

Reston, Va., residents **Rob Allen '85** and **Tara Hicks Allen '85** have two sons, Bobby Rae and Zack. Rob is a regional sales manager for Cable and Wireless, Inc.

At Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, **Dwayne Allison '85, M'87** was named director of student life.

The creator of "King," a painting touring Japan with the Elvis+Marilyn 2X Immortal exhibit, **Mike Hale '85** of Collegeville has been invited to exhibit his recent work in a solo show at the Philip and Muriel German Museum of Art at Ursinus College.

After living in Alaska, **Lisa Dubel Hunt '85**, her husband, Scott, and their sons, Jeremy and Tyler, have moved to Air Station Cape Cod in Massachusetts. Lisa, who can be reached at lmh320@aol.com, works at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution as an exhibit center assistant.

Lori Windisch Irvine '85, who lives in Toronto with her husband, Jason, works for the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

In 1993, **David Kile '85** and several colleagues started Ease Technologies, a systems integration and software development firm in Columbia, Md. The firm now employs thirty-five people and recently captured the

ninth spot in a *Washington Post* listing of high-growth technology firms.

The owner of the medical bill reviewing service called NEQIS Group, **Lisa Cohen '86** of North Huntingdon, Pa., was contacted by ABC's *Prime Time Live* for examples of medical overcharges for a program that aired in February. A Pittsburgh television station interviewed her as a local tie-in for the national broadcast, while a local chain of newspapers picked up the story.

Bob Hammond '86 of Bethel Park, Pa., and his wife, Kimberly, have a daughter, Alexandra, who is nearly three.

Having a Master of Social Work degree, **Lisa Geisbrecht Lego '86** directs the social work staff of the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. She and her husband, Fred, live in Gallitzin, Pa., with their sons, Benjamin and Zebulun.

In a new position, **Tamara Batche Calandra '87** is human resources director for Hexcel. She and her family live in Anacortes, Wash.

Senior editor for IR Video Productions, **Bryan Rudolph '87** of Bethel Park, Pa., still owns his own small video production company.

Eric Speakman '87 has been named director of hematology at Akron General Hospital, while **Laura Harman Speakman '87** has retired, staying home to care for Rachel and Bailey. They live in Stow, Ohio.

Bethlehem, Pa., resident **Carla Panaia Kulogle '88** has been named editor of Muhlenberg College's alumni magazine.

A geriatric speech pathologist for Genesis ElderCare, **MaryBeth Susa Wilson '88** lives in Northern Virginia with her husband, Robert.

Tom Lazarchik '89, M'94, who is a financial analyst for Kennametal, Inc., lives in Jeannette, Pa., with his wife, Susie, and children, Nicholas and Alexandria.

After the birth of her third child, **Robin Biega Scaer '89** of Mechanicsburg continues to work out of the home in a job share situation, spending twenty hours a week as marketing coordinator of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.

Appointed regional credit manager for Marmon/Keystone's Los Angeles service center, **Meng Lin (Pauline) Shum '89** lives in Chino Hills with her husband, Adil Kelawala.

Distinguished Alumni Awards



Serving the university and the commonwealth: Karen Kelly Deklinski '79 received a Distinguished Alumni Award for Service in March. The deputy secretary for Administration in Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, she received a master's degree in governmental administration from the University of Pennsylvania and a certificate in strategic leadership from the Governor's Center at Duke University. Long active in IUP alumni affairs, Deklinski currently serves as president of the IUP Alumni Association. Her previous positions in Harrisburg included deputy secretary for Administration in the former Department of Community Affairs and executive director of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. In her present position, Deklinski is responsible for all administrative, fiscal, and management support to a department with a \$179-million budget and 1,300 full-time and 1,900 seasonal employees. She and her husband, Joseph Deklinski, live in Wornleysburg, Pa., with their son.



Outstanding dietetics professional: Sylvia Escott-Stump '74, M'80 received a Distinguished Alumni Award in March. She is director of Dietetic Services at Forbes Nursing Center, Pittsburgh. Escott-Stump is also owner of Nutritional Balance. Previously associated with Pittsburgh's ShadySide Hospital as director of Dietetic Internship, she has also served as associate director, Nutrition Services, for the Family Health Council of Western Pennsylvania and as a clinical dietitian at Indiana (Pa.) Hospital. Her many honors and achievements include the Medallion Award from the America Dietetic Association, team finalist for the President's Quality Award from the Forbes Health System, and chairmanship of the Council on Professional Issues for the American Dietetic Association. She and her husband, Miles Nelson Stump '75, live in Pittsburgh with their son and daughter.

Homecoming and Oak Leaf Festival

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October 24
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Alumni Reunion Weekend, celebrating the classes of '48, '53, and '58,
June 12 through 14
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State System of Higher Education Alumni Cruise to Bermuda, August
15 through 22
Homecoming and Oak Leaf Festival, October 3

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Football

At West Chester, September 5, 1:30 p.m.
Glenville State, September 12, 7:00 p.m.
West Virginia Wesleyan, September 19, 7:00 p.m.
At Bloomsburg, September 26, 1:00 p.m.
Lock Haven, October 3 (Homecoming), 3:00 p.m.
At Slippery Rock, October 10, 1:00 p.m.
Millersville, October 17, 1:30 p.m.
Clarion, October 24 (Family Weekend), 1:30 p.m.
At California, October 31, 2:00 p.m.
Edinboro, November 7, 1:30 p.m.
At Shippensburg, November 14, 1:00 p.m.

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Call for specific times. Matinees are offered on most Saturdays, and
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24, and 25

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Annual Alumni Exhibition Celebrating the Fifties, June 12 through
July 3

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university's World Wide Web site at <http://www.iup.edu/>.

90s

Awarded a two-year postgraduate fellowship by the Center on Crime, Communities, and Culture, **Corrine Carey '90**, who received her master's degree from SUNY at Buffalo, will graduate from law school in May and begin working as a staff attorney for New York City's Housing Works, the nation's largest provider of housing and services for people with HIV and AIDS.

Having moved to Lakeland, Fla., **Elaine Chilson '90** teaches fifth graders in the Polk County schools.

In a promotion, **Dana Bolster Madison '90** was named associate director of development at Beginning with Books, a family literacy organization in Pittsburgh.

A psychologist for the Hancock County School District in West Virginia, **Becky Wible Skoug '90**, **M'91** asked **Jerri Peart-Kempasky '90** to serve as a bridesmaid in her wedding to Kenneth Skoug. The Skougs live in Pittsburgh.

Having graduated from Northwestern University School of Law in 1995, **Richard Hoover '91** has been working in Bucharest and is currently a tax legal senior at KPMG Romania.

A certified public accountant, **Richard Jones '91** has been named a partner in the firm of Kendall, Prebola, and Jones in Johnstown.

Blake Cook M'92, M'93, who has worked in a Maryland school district and as assistant director of Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Arts Festival, is director of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

Frederick, Md., resident **Michelle Archibald Lucas '92** was promoted to computer analyst at FCNB Bank.

Barbara Wallace '92 participated in the wedding of **Paula Sprowls Striner '92** and her husband, Matthew, who live in Pursglove, W.Va.

Married in September, **Julie Weimer Ehrgood '92** and **Brian Ehrgood '93**, who live in Edgewater Park, N.J., asked **Melissa Moore Hollis '92**, **Tony Cicci '93**, **Chrissy Nagle Anderson '94**, and **Susan Geiner M'95** to be in their wedding. Julie is a special education teacher, and Brian is a shift coordinator for a direct marketing firm.

Haymarket, Va., residents **Brent McCracken '92** and **Amy Barley McCracken '94** asked **Allison Nemitz**

Clevenger '95 and **Smita Parekh '96** to participate in their wedding. Amy, the daughter of **Howard Barley '70** and **Elaine Foreman Watson '70**, teaches high school students, while Brent teaches third graders.

Groomsmen in the wedding of Patricia and **Erik Rodenberg '92** included **Andrew Leopold '92**, **David Busch '92**, **Robert Laughner '92**, and **Mark Levendosky '93**. The Rodenbergs live in Columbus, Ohio.

Dennis Earman '93 is occupational safety and health supervisor for Raytheon, according to word received from his wife, **Jessica Battick Earman '89**, from Kwajalein, their home in the Marshall Islands, where they have lived for the last year. Their daughter, Jordan Noele, is nearly two.

In a promotion, **Erin McCormick-Delaney '93**, M'94 was named marketing manager of Pittsburgh Brewing Company.

At the wedding of **Kelly Murray Bernazzoli '94** and her husband,

Christopher, **Gina Danko Meintel '92**, **Shary Slawowy '93**, **Laura Wagner Schollfield '94**, **Kelly Takac '94**, and **Stephanie Jones '95** were members of the bridal party.

Cranberry Township, Pa., resident **Rob Porter '94** is a real estate sales associate with Howard Hanna.

Participants in the the wedding of **Julie Hutzell Scholl '94** and **Erik Scholl '94** included **Kimberley Pelkey '94**, **Rose Lucas '94**, **Harold ("Bud") Leeper '95**, **Benjamin Simon '95**, and **Barbara Saylor Simon**.

Fred Marshall '95 is advertising sales representative for the *Indiana Gazette's Menu Magazine*.

Pittsburgh resident **Douglas Taylor '95** has been promoted to assistant controller for ARAMARK Corporation's Civic Arena operations.

Three alumni have enrolled at the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa.: **Michael Bogush '96**, **Shanon Carson '96**, and **Jeffrey Baker '97**.

Associate professor of English and writing lab director at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, Pa., **Carrie Myers D'96** has been chosen to participate in the Leaders Program, a national training program for higher education faculty members and administrators, sponsored by the National Institute for Leadership Development.

Corrections

The URL for the Alumni Affairs web page listed in the "Staying Connected" story in the Winter issue of *IUP Magazine* was incorrect. The correct URL is <http://www.iup.edu/alumni/>.

The order of names that identified a group of friends in a photo in the Winter issue of *IUP Magazine* was wrong. The photo, which appears on page 21, should have identified those pictured as, from left, Camille Trunzo Sweger '83, Teresa Stroz Yourish '83, Robin Seaman

Winternitz '84, Kim Benson '83, Jill McMaster Deitch '83, and Jean Parker Heacox '82.

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Friends and Colleagues of Cynthia Sotirake Burns: Please contact her at weburns@erols.com.

Orienteering Club Members: Please contact Mark Frank at (610) 792-0502; orienteer7@aol.com.

Bob Reza: Please contact Julie Wimer Ehrgood at 1294 Cooper Street, Apt. A7, Edgewater Park, N.J. 08010; (609) 877-6382.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

OFFICIAL BALLOT

The following IUP alumni have been selected by the IUP Alumni Association Nominating Committee for membership on the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors. For the four available board positions, these individuals have been selected based on their demonstrated service and commitment to their alma mater, as well as their ongoing participation in IUP Alumni Association activities. Please cast your vote of support for each candidate by placing an "X" in the box beside each candidate's name.

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Volunteer Service to IUP: IUP African American Alumni reunion planning committee member; IUP alumni admissions recruitment speaker/representative; The Players, IUP alumni chapter officer.
- ☐ **Darren K. Parr '91, M'93**
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**All ballots must be postmarked no later than June 30, 1998. One ballot per alumnus/a will be accepted as your official vote. Ballot may be photocopied.*

The nine-member Nominating Committee comprises individuals representing various constituencies affiliated with the IUP Alumni Association. If you are interested in serving as one of the five "alumni at large" representatives on the Nominating Committee, you may request an application below.

We are looking for enthusiastic alumni volunteers for the following committees:

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- ☐ IUP Alumni Association Nominating Committee
- ☐ Legislative Advocacy Liaison Committee

In addition, you are invited to nominate an outstanding IUP alumnus/a for the following (self-nominations are welcome):

- ☐ IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors
- ☐ IUP Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award (representing outstanding career achievement)
- ☐ IUP Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award for Service (representing outstanding volunteer service to the IUP Alumni Association and/or university)
- ☐ IUP Alumni Association Ambassador Award (representing outstanding accomplishments made by young alumni graduating from IUP within the past ten years)
- ☐ IUP Athletic Hall of Fame

Name and address of nominee

Please return your ballot and nomination form to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Breezedale Alumni Center, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15705-1086.

Lori Schweitzer Curtis: Please contact Jennifer Girona at 28500 Kemptown Road, Damascus, MD 20872.

Births

1970s

To **Carl Hisiro '76** and **Deborah Anderson Hisira '78**, a son, Wade Stephen, November 2, 1997. To **Richard Learn '77, M'84** and Rosamond Learn, a son, Benjamin Richard, May 24, 1997. To **Susan Hemminger Tarasenkoff '79** and John Tarasenkoff, a son, Jacob Ryan, October 2, 1997. To **David Williams '79** and Nancy Williams, a daughter, Kelsey, February 4, 1998.

1980s

To **James Mercuria '81** and Lisa Mercuria, a son, Matthew David, September 24, 1997. To **Mary Ann Downing-Tondi '82** and Michael Tondi, a daughter, Madeline Olivia, September 29, 1997. To **Betty Newby Levering '82** and Brian Levering, a son, Brett Welsand, December 12, 1997. To **Sally Mack '82** and Chris Sobolewski, an adopted daughter, Amelia Lee, November 18, 1996. To **Debra Aquila Migliazzi '82** and Joseph Migliazzi, a son, Marc Joseph, December 22, 1997. To **James Rotondo '82, M'84** and Rosanne Rotondo, a son, James Vincent, October 14, 1997. To **Jackie Fromelius Taj '82** and **Saeed Taj M'82**, a son, Kaveh James, September 20, 1996. To **Alex Kline '83** and Ellen Kline, a daughter, Elizabeth Dorothy, January 24, 1997. To **Michelle Ilov Palombo '83** and **Anthony Palombo '84**, a daughter, Emily Katherine, September 5, 1997. To **Nicholas Calabrese '84** and Pauline Calabrese, a daughter, Tia, September 21, 1996. To **Douglas Frank '84** and Janice Frank, a son, Ryan Douglas, January 9, 1998. To **Kevin Kenney '84, M'87** and Jeanne Kenney, a son, Ryan John, August 22, 1997. To **Kelly McDannell Ledford '84** and Jordan Ledford, a son, Daniel Jordan, December 9, 1997. To **Beth Snyder Rosenthal '84** and Daniel Rosenthal, a daughter, Monica Leigh, November 22, 1997. To **Shari Ranich Waldman '84** and Gregory Waldman, a son, John Michael, April 10, 1997. To **Robert Boston '85** and Carol Boston, a son, Paul Julian, November 2, 1997. To **Auggie Cook '85** and Lisa Cook, a daughter, Megan, December 6, 1996. To **DeAnn Hadix Cardarella '85** and Joel Cardarella, a daughter, Kaela Audrey, December 18, 1996. To **Scott Loya '85** and Debbie Loya, a daughter, Madeline Marie, August 26, 1997. To **Kay Fabiny Rosswog '85** and Philip Rosswog, a daughter, Cassandra Caroline, October 25, 1997. To **Tami Blahnik Steinhauer '85** and Rick Steinhauer, a daughter, Chelsea Bryn, August 31, 1997. To **Mary Sicher Stack '85** and Eric Stack, a son, Jacob Anthony, November 22, 1997. To **James Byer '86** and **Ann Marie Lipnicki Byer '89**, a daughter, Brittany Michaela, January 14, 1998. To **Cheri Meiser Danaher '86** and Kevin Danaher, a daughter, Kathryn Irene, July 2, 1994, and a son, Sean Patrick, October 18, 1997. To **Tamara Batche Calandra '87** and Anthony Calandra, a daughter, Alexis, November 18, 1997. To **David Guyer '87** and Donna Guyer, a daughter, Georgia Ann, January 12, 1997. To **Susan Hurst Hoffman '87** and **Kenneth Hoffman**, a son, Nicholas David, May 6, 1997. To **Deborah Hanson Oesterling '87** and Alec Oesterling, a daughter, Jaime Leigh, January 14, 1998. To **Rob Pierce '87** and **Maria Rizzo Pierce '88**, a daughter, Olivia Renee, October 13, 1997. To **Lori Giegerich Snyder '87** and Blair Snyder, a son, Joel Patrick, September 9, 1997. To **Eric Speakman '87** and **Laura Harman Speakman '87**, a daughter, Rachel Mae, December 8, 1993, and a daughter, Bailey Elizabeth, May 10, 1997. To **Lari Sheibley Clelan '88** and Scott Clelan, a son, Max Robert, August 24, 1997. To **Tom Hipkiss '88** and **Adrienne Stotlemeyer Hipkiss '89**, a son, Trevor Joseph, November 4, 1997. To **Aileen Petak McDermott '88** and John McDermott, a daughter, Maggie Lee, July 30, 1997. To **Robin Vish Steinberg '88** and Brian Steinberg, a son, Matthew Lucas, August 13, 1997. To **Julie Pazman Wright '88** and Douglas Wright, a daughter, Allison Julianna, December 19, 1997. To **Jessica Battick Earman '89** and **Dennis Earman '93**, a daughter, Jordan Noele, July 29, 1996. To **Nancy Jaszcar Lang '89** and Jeffrey Lang, a daughter, Abigail Frances, August 21, 1997. To **Tom Lazarchik '89, M'94** and Susie Lazarchik, a daughter, Alexandria Lee, December 30, 1997. To **Leanne Schlotter Salava '89** and John Salava, a daughter, Megan Leigh, May 18, 1997. To **Robin Biega Scaer '89** and Robert Scaer, a daughter, Madison Rose, November 7, 1997. To **Bruce Young '89** and **Renee Passieu Young '90**, a son, Alexander August, November 5, 1997.

1990s

To **Carol Yuran Booth '90** and Jeffrey Booth, a son, Nicholas Ryan, December 22, 1997. To **Kristine Coalidge Conklin '91** and Jeff



Government leader: Mark Holman '79 received a Distinguished Alumni Award in March. As chief of staff for Governor Tom Ridge, he is one of the most powerful influences in Pennsylvania government. In serving the governor, he is included in the management of state government and participates in legislative and policymaking decisions on a daily basis. He is also a member of the IUP Council of Trustees. A former assistant in the office of the late U.S. Senator John Heinz, Holman was also deputy director for national voter coalitions on the Bush-Quayle Committee. In 1982, he began directing campaigns for former U.S. Congressman and current Pennsylvania Governor Ridge. Holman serves as the governor's appointee to the Pennsylvania Labor Management Committee, the State System of Higher Education Board of Governors, and PennVest, a state organization that provides grants to municipalities. The father of two children, he lives in Harrisburg.



Banking pacesetter: Thomas Kerstetter '72 received a Distinguished Alumni Award in March. The youngest person ever to assume the president's chair of a major local Delaware bank, he currently serves as chief operating officer of Bank Director Magazine (circulation 140,000) in Brentwood, a suburb of Nashville, Tenn. A graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, he has pursued additional study at the University of Colorado and at Rutgers University. In 1988, at the age of thirty-eight, he was named president and director of the Wilmington (Del.) Savings Fund Society. He serves as dean of the National Bank Director School and is the founding principal of the TK Performance Group, a consulting and professional speaking firm. He also serves IUP as a member of the Business Advisory Council. Kerstetter and his wife, Sherri, live in Brentwood with their two daughters.



In education's forefront: Michael Lambert '68, M'69 received a Distinguished Alumni Award in March. As executive director of the Distance Education and Training Council in Washington, Lambert has enjoyed a long career in educational administration. He joined the National Home Study Council in 1972 as accrediting program coordinator and rose to his current position in 1992. (The council changed its name to better reflect the scope of its activities.) Although his initial degrees from IUP were in English, he obtained an M.B.A. degree in Finance from George Mason University in 1979 and completed courses in history and literature at England's Cambridge University in England in 1984. Lambert has published widely, has served as an editor and co-editor of various handbooks, glossaries, and bibliographies, and has participated in national and international panels and conferences on distance learning. He and his wife, Carol Kofmehl Lambert '68, have three sons, one of whom, Christopher, graduated from IUP in 1995.

Distinguished Alumni Awards



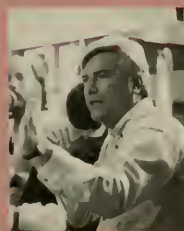
Automotive financial figure: Thomas Madden '75 received a Distinguished Alumni Award in March. He is senior vice president and chief financial officer for Meritor Automotive, Inc., Troy, Mich. The holder of an M.B.A. degree from the University of Pittsburgh, he previously served Rockwell International as assistant corporate controller and later as vice president for corporate development. Each time he was promoted at Rockwell, he was the youngest person to be given the new post. When Meritor was formed from what had

been Rockwell International's Automotive Division, Madden was one of the first corporate officers named to the new management team. Accordingly, he was instrumental in making the proposed new company a reality. He and his wife, Mary Alice Bellissimo Madden '75, are the parents of a son and a daughter.



A giant in the world of miniatures: Robert Olszewski '68 is president of Olszewski Studios in Camarillo, Calif., and is internationally renowned as an artist and sculptor, most notably through his work with miniatures. In 1993, he was named International Collectible Artist of the Year and that same year had a thirty-year retrospective of his work displayed at the Carnegie Art Museum in Oxnard, Calif. A former teacher, he entered into an exclusive contract in 1979 with the makers of the

world-famous M.I. Hummel figurines and was cofounder of the Goebel Miniatures Studio. As chief designer and master artist from 1979 until 1994, he oversaw the modeling and painting studios and watched the company grow from a staff of four painters to sixty-five painters in a studio with ninety-five personnel. He and his wife, Eva, who directs production and quality control at Olszewski Studios, have a son and a daughter and live in Camarillo.



Emmy Award nominee: Sam Sandora '79 is president of Sandora Productions, Inc., Pittsburgh. A writer, producer, and director, he received an Emmy Award nomination in 1993 for his work as a director on the Disney Channel's Mickey Mouse Club. He also worked as a news consultant for HBO's Not Necessarily the News, which won a 1984 Cable Ace Award, and has received numerous national, regional, and local awards. With credits that also include Wondeworks/PBS and ABC projects, Sandora now heads a company

concerned with video and film production. Projects include television and radio commercials, public service announcements, and educational and informational videos for a broad base of clients. He also serves on the board of Pittsburgh New Works Festival and teaches technical directing for Pittsburgh Filmmakers. Sandora is the father of two sons.

Conklin, a daughter, Katherine Rene, August 19, 1997. To **David Galiione '91** and Kandace Galiione, twin sons, Dominic David and Camren Michael, December 5, 1997. To **Wendy Woodside Griggs '91** and **Kelly Griggs '92**, a daughter, Meredith Emily, July 19, 1997. To **Gerald Quinn '91** and **Jennifer Thomas Quinn '94**, a daughter, Bailey, January 10, 1998. To **Adrienne Kolb Ball '92** and **Dave Ball**, a son, Kyle Nicholas, November 21, 1997. To **Melissa Moore Hollis '92** and Michael Hollis, a daughter, Brooke Elysabeth, December 19, 1997. To **Michelle Archibald Lucas '92** and Brian Lucas, a daughter, Kelsey Danielle, October 28, 1997. To **Michelle Miller '93** and David Dittman, a daughter, Audrey Helen, July 29, 1997. To **Frances Woo Austin '95** and Julian Austin, a son, Kyle Julian Chu, May 15, 1997. To **Lucinda Manges Register '95** and **Joseph Register**, a daughter, Margot Gwen, August 25, 1997.

Marriages

1970s

Connie Sablowski Halt '72 to Gary Farmer, October 11, 1997.

1980s

Margie McCoy '84 to Michael Rossander, October 25, 1997. **Marcia McNally '85** to Robert DiGiorgio, July 5, 1997. **Lori Windisch '85** to Jason Irvine, November 2, 1996. **Marty Stern '87, M'94** to Carol Michelone, October 19, 1996. **Patricia Ryan '88** to Patrick Fortune, July 12, 1997. **MaryBeth Susa '88** to Robert Wilson, December 6, 1997. **Christine Domjancic '89** to Scott Blakley, August 23, 1997.

1990s

Dana Bolster '90 to Al Madison, October 4, 1997. **Becky Wible '90, M '91** to Kenneth Skoug, June 14, 1997. **Gerald Quinn '91** to **Jennifer Thomas '94**, October 26, 1996. **Brent McCracken '92** to **Amy Barley '94**, August 9, 1997. **Erik Rodenberg '92** to Patricia Azan, January 17, 1998. **Paula Sprowls '92** to Matthew Striner, August 9, 1997. **Julie Weimer '92** to **Brian Ehrgood '93**, September 6, 1997. **Curtis Drake '93** to Kristen Henry, September 20, 1997. **Julie Hutzell '94** to **Erik Scholl '94**, June 14, 1997. **Kelly Murray '94** to Christopher Bernazzoli, August 9, 1997. **Jennifer Estnick '96** to Dwayne Hay, October 25, 1997. **Dianna Palatella '96** to **Charles Reilly '97**, July 12, 1997.

Deaths

1915: Marguerite McMeekin Zehner

1929: Marian Reeder Welch

1930: Delores Lowman Cree. **1932:** Max Harwick, Mildred Erdelyan Mitchell. **1933:** Virginia Cochran Crawshaw. **1936:** Virginia Minser Stright. **1938:** Grace Eisaman Wright

1942: Ruth Myers. **1949:** William Hoffman

1951: Leona Barrett. **1954:** Charles Lesko. **1958:** Ruth Henry Miller

1972: William Maize. **1977:** Linda Greene Mehalic

1983: Ravidhas Samuel*

1990: Jennifer Hartman Poerschke

*Faculty or staff member or former faculty or staff member

Other Deaths

Carl Canose, an employee of the university since 1987, died February 21, 1998.

Nicole Falbo, a sophomore at the university from Moon Township, Pa., died January 19, 1998.

Lorraine Hanna, a freshman at the university from Sarver, Pa., died January 1, 1998.

Edgar Moore, an associate professor of history at IUP from 1966 to 1990, died November 20, 1997.

William Waskoskie, a biology professor at IUP for seventeen years until his retirement, died August 31, 1997.

Name Droppers

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Failla, a Pittsburgh-area product who played three seasons (1991-93) under coach Lou Holtz, enrolled in graduate school in January. "Any time you have an opportunity to get a gifted athlete like Paul Failla, consider yourself fortunate," said Cignetti. "He's a great kid, he's intelligent, and he's got great character." Failla played four seasons of minor league baseball before deciding to give football one last shot. He was ineligible to participate at the Division I level because more than five years have elapsed since he launched his collegiate career in 1991.

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The Club Scene

Put out the call to Jim Phelps, Cinnamon Carter, and Rollin Hand, because this is a job for the cast of *Mission: Impossible*. Their assignment? Name the only IUP athletic team to win three national championships.

By Bob Fulton

When the orienteering team returned with its first national championship trophy, the response on campus was a collective yawn. No fanfare. No parade. No headlines.

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ymnastics? Golf? Basketball? Cross country?

Why, even the ordinarily unflappable Mr. Phelps would suffer a first-grade meltdown as the number of wrong answers mounted.

Fact is, the correct response is more apt to come from members of the IUP orienteering team than from members of the Impossible Mission Force. That's because it was the orienteers who reigned supreme in 1973, 1974, and 1976.

The three-time champi-

ons rose from a club sports program that still flourishes at IUP, turning out individuals and teams that excel on a national level and, on occasion, even compete internationally. The university sponsors thirteen club sports involving some 450 participants who wage a constant battle for funding and recognition. But then, that's nothing new.

When the orienteering team returned with its first national championship trophy, the response on campus was a collective yawn. No fanfare. No parade. No headlines.

"The Penn ran a small story about us, maybe five or ten inches long," recalls Paul DePrator, a member of two title teams and now vice president of investment at National City Bank in Cleveland. "At the time, a lot of people didn't understand the sport."

They still don't. Mention orienteering to even an avid sports fan and the likely response is a blank expression.

"I tell them it's running through the woods with a map and a compass from checkpoint to checkpoint against the clock," says sophomore Jason Shull, president of the IUP Orienteering Club. "It's called the thinking sport because



Courtesy of Mark Frank

More than twenty-five years ago, the original orienteering team posed for a photograph.

you have to decide whether it's better to run uphill on a straight line or use your speed on a longer route around the hill."

IUP took its place among the sport's national powers not long after Col. Timothy Gilbert founded the program in 1972. His team beat West Point with such regularity in those early years that rankled Army bigwigs recruited a top-notch coach from Texas, so weary were they of losing to the upstarts from Pennsylvania. While the prominence of orienteering has since faded on campus, the university still wields considerable influence in the sport.

"Many IUP graduates have participated on the national team," Gilbert points out. "IUP graduates are also in there heavily on the board of directors of the United States Orienteering Federation. You could say IUP has had a national impact in the sport."

Top: IUP's Reed Grienc
in February's contest
with Millersville
Bottom: Women's
rugby action last fall
against Slippery Rock



Other club teams have, to a lesser extent, also maintained a national presence. For example, the men's volleyball squad has made a practice of advancing to the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association tournament.

"They've done very well," says club adviser Lori Duncan, who doubles as the women's varsity volleyball coach. "They've gone to nationals the last four or five

years. In the spring of 1994 they were second in the country in Division II."

The ice hockey program also holds its own against the premier club teams in the land. Coach Sam Kelly celebrated the hundredth victory of his nine-year tenure over the winter, a remarkable achievement given the caliber of IUP's competition.

"We're playing the best club hockey teams in the country. That's how far our program has come," says Kelly. "We play teams like Penn State, Ohio State, Delaware, Navy, Maryland, and Ohio University, which is the defending American Collegiate Hockey Association champion."

The IUP club sports program has spawned individual success stories, too. Tom Stephens won the national orienteering title in 1974, finishing just ahead of DePrator. Eric Weyman, who competed briefly while at IUP, later captured four national crowns—three in succession (1980-82)—and represented the United States at the world orienteering championships in Australia. Kris Johnson, an inside center on the men's rugby team, earned All-America honors in 1996. And Kevin Pillion was so dominant in racquetball as a student that he pondered a professional career.

"I guess I was ranked in the top echelon of players nationally in my age group," recalls Pillion, a 1983 grad who now works as an attorney and CPA in Washington, D.C. "At one time I considered turning professional, but there wasn't any future in it, not like in tennis."

For some IUP club athletes, success on a national level serves as a springboard to international competition. Jennifer Toward, for example, participated in the 1994 World University Orienteering Championships in Switzerland as a member of the U.S. team. Toward's feat of qualifying for a global event so impressed IUP President Lawrence Pettit that he arranged for the university to subsidize her travel expenses.

That's the sort of beneficence any of IUP's club athletes would embrace like a Publisher's Clearing House check. Despite the financial support of the Student Cooperative Association, most teams struggle just to stay afloat.

"Club sports, like any other organization on campus, have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Student Co-op. That money comes from the student activities fee that's charged to each student enrolled at IUP," explains Tammy Manko, assistant director of Student Activities, which oversees the club program. "It's up to that board—or finance committee—to determine whether or not any club or organization receives funding."

Unfortunately, allocations rarely cover costs. Expenses for uniforms, equipment, travel, and meals gobble up money faster than a Pac-Man run amok. It's not unusual for an IUP team to pass up national events simply because the club's coffers are as empty as Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

"In the fall of 1996 we had one of the top ten teams in the nation," says senior Tobin Shea, president of the men's rugby club. "We tried to go to nationals in California, but it would've cost \$15,000. We couldn't come up with the cash, so we had to stay home. That was a big heartbreaker for us."

Vince Celtnieks knows the feeling. The year after men's soccer was dropped as a varsity sport, his club team—stocked with former varsity stars—ranked among the best in the country.

"We probably had a better team than we had as a varsity program the year before," Celtnieks recalls. "They had a national collegiate club championship, and we probably could've gone on to win it. We were that good."

But the players couldn't afford the trip. They, too, stayed home. The moral of the story? The challenge of beating an opponent is often secondary to the challenge of raising enough money.

"We're very grateful for what we get from the university, but to continue to stay competitive with other schools, we need even more," says senior Lori Irvin, president of the equestrian club. Her plaint is seconded by participants of all thirteen club sports.

To bridge the gap between the money they receive and the money they need, club athletes have become adept in the art of fund-raising. They hawk T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats and hold raffles, car washes, turkey shoots, even pig roasts.

Their devotion to athletic pursuits is phenomenal, given that members of club teams receive none of the scholarships, perks, or publicity granted varsity athletes. Nevertheless, club participants carry on a long-standing tradition of representing IUP in a first-rate fashion against opponents from across the country.

And in the case of orienteering—as the stumped Mr. Phelps discovered—they even win national championships. 🐾

IUP's Marc Emiling in the contest against Millersville



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IUP goalie Nick Curry in a game at the Indiana Ice Center



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After leading the Coast Guard Academy football team to its winningest regular-season record in history, coach **Chuck Mills** received a peculiar reward—a pink slip. Not that he had grounds for complaint. “I fired myself,” cracked Mills, the Coast Guard athletic director who once coached at IUP (1962-63). Mills pulled his whistle out of moth balls—he hadn’t coached since



Courtesy of Coast Guard Academy

Chuck Mills

1988—and volunteered when unforeseen circumstances left the Bears without a coach. “The government hiring system is so slow that the superintendent thought we couldn’t get a new coach for six to eight weeks,” Mills explained. “That was just too long, so I agreed to take the position for a year.” And what a year it was. The Bears’ storybook season featured a 9-2 record and a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs, remarkable achievements for a team that was projected to finish next to last in the Freedom Football Conference. For his efforts, Mills earned coach of the year honors from the conference, the Boston Gridiron Club (Division II/III level), and the American Football Coaches Association (District I, Division III level). “I truly, in my heart of hearts, thought if we won five games it would be a real good year,” he

said. “The coaches came in and did a good job, we stayed healthy, and the kids responded.” So did Mills, once the season ended. He gave himself the axe.

The IUP swimming teams, coached by **Peter Ward**, were both ranked in the top five nationally at the close of the regular season. The women (11-2) stood fourth in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America poll; the men (11-1) ranked fifth. Two newcomers to the program—junior transfer **Rachel Slade** and freshman import **Nikolaj Boest**—demolished four school records apiece (three individual, one relay) during the season. Slade owned the best times in Division II in the 100 butterfly (57.40) and 200 butterfly (2:04.27) as *IUP Magazine* went to press; Boest, a native of Denmark, had posted the fastest time nationally in the 200 backstroke (1:50.87).

Junior cornerback **Barry Threats** was selected to the American Football Coaches Association Division II All-America team, perhaps the most prestigious of all small-college all-star squads. Threats, the only defensive player honored from a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference school, boosted IUP’s all-time total to ten AFCA All-Americans. Only one Division II program—Texas A&M-Kingsville (formerly Texas A&I), with nineteen—has produced more.

Two former basketball teammates enjoyed a reunion of sorts in Europe over the winter. **Yancey Taylor ’95** and **Derrick Freeman ’96** collected their wages in Deutsche Marks as members of professional teams in Germany. Taylor and Freeman started on the 1994-95 IUP squad that advanced to the NCAA tournament semifinals.

Soccer player **Lindsey Tyberg** and decathlete **Brian Spickler** were recipients of the 1997 Eugene E. Lepley Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to two junior students majoring in health and physical education. Tyberg is a two-time All-PSAC midfielder; Spickler is a two-time conference

Name Droppers

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decathlon champion and a 1997 All-American.

Coach **Bob Rukavina ’83** had guided his University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown basketball team to a 20-3 record and a No. 13 ranking in Division II at press time. Rukavina gleaned special enjoyment from a 93-80 victory over IUP on January 24. “Not so much because it’s my alma mater, but because they’re a top-notch program,” he said. “It shows you how far we’ve come the last few years.” Rukavina’s Mountain Cats were threatening the school record of twenty-one wins set during the 1996-97 season.

The IUP cross country squads were honored by the NCAA Division II Cross Country Association for their academic achievements during the fall semester. The women’s team posted a collective cumulative grade-point average of 3.63, while the men recorded a 3.05. **Lindsay Rangel, Lesley Rangel, Kerri McIntyre, and Brendan Buckley** were named to the association’s All-Academic Team.

Gloomy preseason predictions to the contrary, the Pittsburgh Steelers enjoyed a banner year, their first with **Jim Haslett ’93** as defensive coordinator. A defense gutted by the loss of five starters to free agency appeared suspect, especially after Dallas rolled to a 37-7 victory in the season opener. But Haslett, a former IUP All-American (1975-78), transformed his unit into one of the stingiest in the NFL. In fact, the Steelers led the league in rushing defense by permitting only 82.4 yards per game, a figure unmatched by any other team in franchise history, not even the Super Bowl champions of the Steel Curtain era.

Richard Halapin, a professor of business at IUP, twice rooted

against the Steelers this season, even though he’s a devoted fan. The reason? His son, Mike, is a defensive lineman with the Tennessee Oilers, one of Pittsburgh’s AFC Central rivals. The younger Halapin, a University of Pittsburgh graduate, was sidelined for much of the season by a separated shoulder.

Junior forward **Denise Lazor**, honored previously as a PSAC soccer all-star, was accorded a second-team berth on the National Soccer Coaches Association/Umbro All-Northeast squad. Lazor led the Indians in goals (7) and points (16) last fall.

Rich Draganac ’69, M’71 has been appointed offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Draganac, a split end on the 1968 Boardwalk Bowl squad, formerly served as offensive coordinator at The Citadel.

Perhaps football coach **Frank Cignetti ’60** could credit the luck of the Irish for prompting former Notre Dame backup quarterback **Paul Failla** to spend his final year of eligibility at IUP.

The Invisible Man

By Bob Fulton

Eight days after falling to Denver in the AFC championship game, the Pittsburgh Steelers averted another devastating loss.

All because Tom Donahoe spurned a million-dollar job offer.

The Steelers' director of Football Operations, a 1969 graduate of IUP, turned a deaf ear to overtures from the Seattle Seahawks, who offered him a reported fivefold increase in salary to become their general manager. When Donahoe announced he would stay with his hometown team, Pittsburgh fans breathed a sigh of relief.

So did Donahoe, for after weeks of headlines addressing his future, he could resume his role as The Invisible Man.

Fact is, Donahoe's an aberration. Working in a profession that encourages self-promotion, he's self-effacing, a man as likely to call attention to himself as an escaped con. The wave of publicity generated when Seattle came a-courting left him squirming like Dracula in the sunlight.

"It's been miserable," Donahoe said. "It's flattering when people mention your name, but it's embarrassing, too. I don't like having my name in the paper."

How true. Only newcomers to the witness protection program keep a lower profile than Donahoe, it seems. The Steelers' media guide features neither his bio nor his photo, unheard of for an NFL employee who ranks so high in his team's hierarchy. Donahoe is as anonymous as a ball boy, which is how he first served the Steelers. And that's just the way he wants it.

In a league where the egos are as inflated as the paychecks, Donahoe projects an aw-shucks brand of modesty.

He prefers to stand in the wings while others take bows for the Steelers' renaissance in the 1990s. Oh, Donahoe will address team matters in the media, but ask about his own contributions and he turns as talkative as Marcel Marceau. No exceptions. Donahoe has even declined requests—politely, of course—from this magazine to sit for an interview that would serve as the basis of an in-depth profile.

"He's not worried about personal glory, not worried about what kind of extras or benefits are coming his way," said Chan Gailey, Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator for two seasons and now coach of the Dallas Cowboys. "He just wants the team to do well."

The Steelers have prospered since Donahoe graduated from part-time scout to his present position—analogueous to that of a general manager—in 1992: six playoff appearances in as many seasons, five AFC Central Division titles, five double-figure win totals, and a trip to Super Bowl



Courtesy of Pittsburgh Steelers

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XXX in Tempe, Ariz. Even there, surrounded by the inquiring media horde, Donahoe successfully blended into the background like a human chameleon. While his imprint on that team was as unmistakable as Carol Channing's voice, his bearing suggested the humility of a monk.

"I want to win this game for the organization, for the coaches, the players, our fans," Donahoe said then. "That's what's really important to me. How people view me, I don't think about it much."

NFL pundits regard Donahoe foremost as a shrewd and sage judge of talent. His decisions have kept the Steelers' engine humming despite an exodus of free agents that might have crippled other franchises. Despite losing seven starters and a number of key backups the year before, the Steelers came within a whisker of reaching the Super Bowl in January. Small wonder Donahoe is held in such high esteem around the league.

Why, NFL correspondent Peter King of *Sports Illustrated* even honored him as Executive of the Year for the 1997 season. According to King, "Donahoe and his staff are the best evaluators of college and pro talent in the business."

Kordell Stewart, Levon Kirkland, Chad Brown, Yancey Thigpen, Joel Steed, and Jason Gildon—a core of young impact players—have come aboard on Donahoe's watch (several have since departed via free agency). The trade that brought beefy back Jerome Bettis to Pittsburgh ranks was perhaps his most inspired transaction. The Steelers swapped two draft choices to the Rams for Bettis, a steal that rivals Peter Minuit's acquisition of Manhattan Island from the natives in exchange for trinkets

372 years ago. "The Bus" has rumbled for 3,096 yards since joining the team, the best two-year rushing total in franchise history.

Monty Hall himself would likely envy some of the deals Donahoe has cooked up in his six seasons at the helm.

"He's done a great job," said Steelers coach Bill Cowher. "I just have tremendous respect for him."

And not just for his expertise. In an age of self-promoting, boldly bombastic, obscenely rich sports figures, Donahoe provides a refreshing alternative—an unpretentious, unassuming gentleman who chose loyalty over riches, who refused to sever his ties to a team he served, long ago, as a ball boy.

Tom Donahoe now holds a more prestigious position with the Steelers. And to think that all he had to do to keep his job was reject a million-dollar offer.

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